

# MENOMINEE INDIAN TRIBE OF WISCONSIN

#### **MENOMINEE TRIBAL COURTS**

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### **NOTICE OF EMERGENCY AND TEMPORARY MEASURES**

## **EFFECTIVE September 17, 2020**

In light of the Menominee Tribe's recent Emergency Order #4, the Tribal Court will be temporarily refining some of its practices. Please see the Court's website at <a href="http://courts.menominee-nsn.gov/">http://courts.menominee-nsn.gov/</a> for further updates AND/OR changes.

- 1. Jury Trials have been suspended but will resume effective September 30, 2020. All precautions are being taken to ensure the safety of everyone concerned.
- 2. Night court is temporarily suspended.
- 3. Although the court is open, the doors will continue to be locked. You will not be allowed admittance unless you have an appointment.
- 4. Bench trials and court appearances that are already scheduled will continue to occur. HOWEVER, parties are encouraged to appear by telephone.
- 5. Only persons who are a party to the action will be allowed in the courthouse. Please contact the court if you need more information.
- 6. All Children's Code cases (e.g. Chips, guardianships, termination of parental rights, adoptions, and delinquencies) shall continue to be heard. Social Workers are allowed to appear by telephone. All parties necessary to the proceedings can appear by telephone. Please telephone the court for further information.
- 7. Further mental commitment matters will also continue to be heard via telephone.
- 8. All small claims matters shall be held telephonically.
- 9. Any child support matters and/or family law matters will be held telephonically. Please make sure that the Clerk of Courts has your current phone number.

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- 10. Any new civil case filings must be filed in person as there is a filing fee. Please contact the court to schedule an appointment.
- 11. The same would also apply to appeals and the accompanying briefs. As far as filing your subpoenas, please verify that your trial is proceeding before submitting them.
- 12. Filing fees, fines, court costs, fees, etc. can be paid at the court. We will only be accepting cash. At this time, no new money bench warrants will be issued for non-payment of fines.
- 13. Witness lists and any pdf motions can be emailed into the Clerk of Courts, Reynel Tucker <a href="mailto:rtucker@mitw.org">rtucker@mitw.org</a>. She will ensure that the appropriate deputy clerk receives the documents and that the assigned judge is notified. You may also wish to verify with the clerk on whether your trial is proceeding. Personal service cannot occur during this time.
- 14. Attorneys emailing in their motions will need to track delivery of their documents. Turn on your computer's tracking information so that there is proof of timely delivery and the read receipt.
- 15. Further, anything filed with the court must be served on the other party. Proof of service must be filed with the court and can be accomplished via email.
- 16. Parties may continue to file appeals and Notices of Intent to appeal. The time frame for these matters will not be extended.
- 17. Extensions for filing briefs shall only be granted by the court based on a written request or motion by the party or by notice and order of the court.

If you are sick and have a court appearance, please notify the court so that alternative arrangements can be made.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September.

FOR THE COURT:

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Chief Justice